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Title: PHOSPHONATE NUCLEOSIDES USEFUL AS ACTIVE INGREDIENTS IN

PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS FOR THE TREATMENT OF VIRAL

INFECTIONS, AND INTERMEDIATES FOR THEIR PRODUCTION (as

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned patent application on December 3, 2009 ("Office Action"), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.